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In re Application of

Hazelzet et al.

Application No. 10/707,053

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Attorney Docket No. BUR920020085US1

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed August 8, 2008, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the final Office action mailed August 16, 2006, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 1, 2007.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated August 1, 2007 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Office action, and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Office action was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Office action was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Office action must consist of the following:

1. a statement from practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by the practitioner. The statement should also describe the system used for recording an Office action received at the correspondence address of record and establish that the docketing system was sufficiently reliable;
2. a statement from the practitioner attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received; and
3. a copy of the master docket for the firm docket record where the nonreceived Office action would have been entered had it been received must be attached to and referenced in the practitioner's statement. If no master docket exists, the practitioner

should so state and provide other evidence such, as but not limited: to the application file jacket, incoming mail log; calendar; reminder system or individual docket record for the application in question

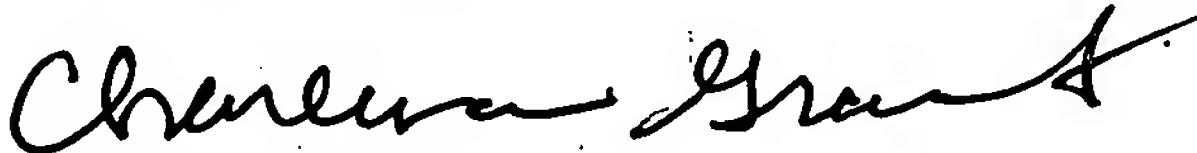
See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993).

The petition satisfies the above-stated requirements. Accordingly, the application was not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

In light of receipt of the RCE and amendment filed on July 27, 2007 the final Office action does not need to be re-mailed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2827 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.



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